

Countywide Community Forums Report to GGLR

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Purpose of the Briefing

- ▶ Overview of the program structure
- ▶ Inform Council and public about next forum topic

Initiative 24
sponsored by Dick
Spady

Ordinance
15896
creates
Office of
Citizen
Councilor
Network

Auditor
appoints
Volunteer
Coordinators

Volunteer
Coordinators
manage and
develop
program,
register
citizens

Donation and
registration
threshold

Countywide
Community
Forums

General Program Organization



Topic

- Steering Committee recommends Topic
- Auditor selects Topic, based on input and research



Materials

- Volunteer Coordinators develop Materials (Video, Opinionnaire, etc.)
- Auditor approves Materials, based on input and research



Forums

- Volunteer Coordinators conduct Forums
- Citizens participate in small forums (video, discussion, survey) throughout the County, complete and return Opinionnaire



Report

- Volunteer Coordinators tabulate Opinionnaire, produce and share the Report with Council, citizens and media
- Auditor reviews for suitability



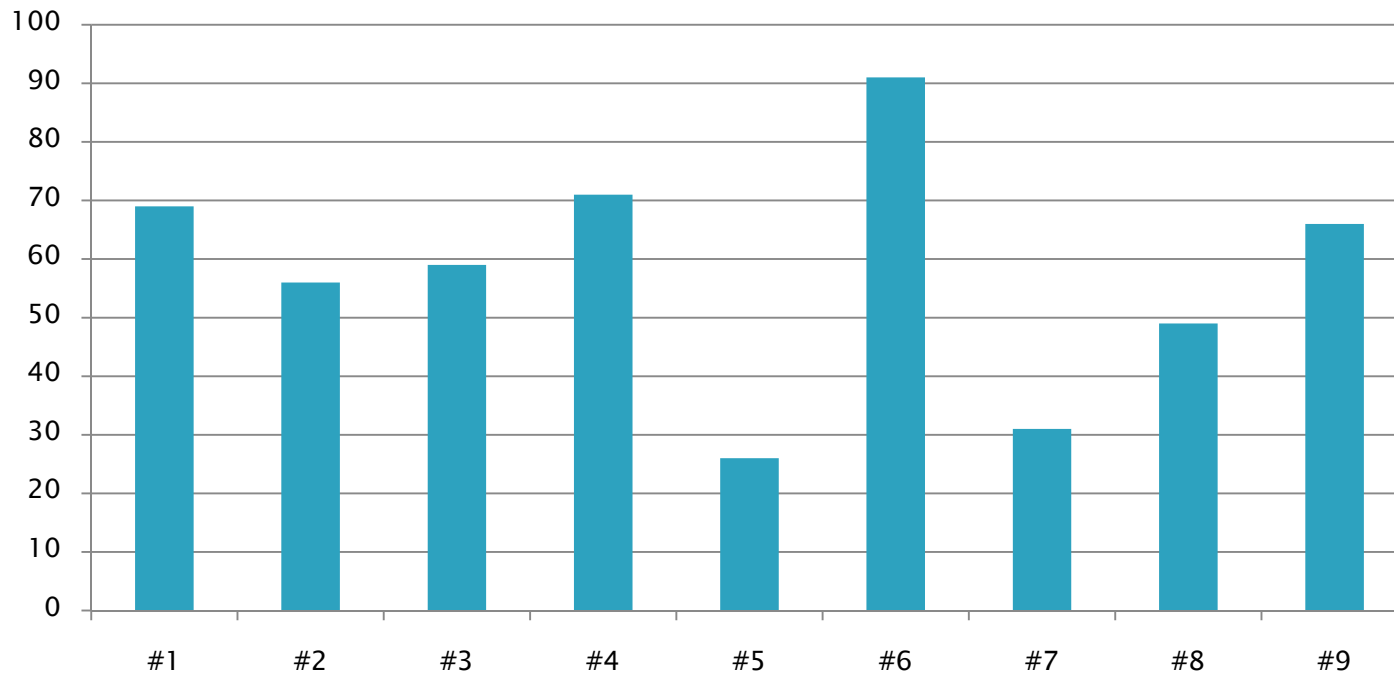
Forums Organization

Round #1: Transportation

Between June 28 – July 20, 2008:

- ▶ 114 forums held in home, libraries and offices throughout King County
- ▶ 549 participants returned filled Opinionnaire to Auditor's Office
- ▶ 22 citizen donations in support of program

Forum Attendance by District



2009 Forums Timeline

| 2009 FORUMS | Steering Committee Meeting | Topic Selection | Material Prep & Review | Forum Window | Report due |
|-------------|----------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|-------------------|------------|
| Round 2 | 9/7/08 | 9/23/08 | 10/1/08 – 1/15/09 | 2/01/09 – 2/28/09 | 3/31/09 |
| Round 3 | n/a (*) | n/a (*) | 3/15/09 – 4/15/09 | 5/15/09 – 6/15/09 | 7/15/09 |
| Round 4 | 4/2/09 | 4/30/09 | 5/1/09 – 8/15/09 | 9/15/09– 10/15/09 | 11/15/09 |

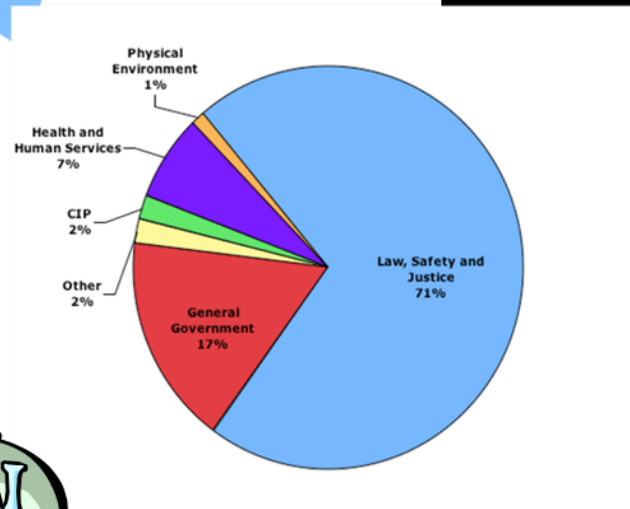
(*) Questions from Executive due 3/1/09;
Questions from Council due 3/15/09

Round #2 Topic Selection Criteria

- Issue relevant to people who live and/or work in King County
- Politically neutral
- Timely: Survey must give information while there is still time to act
- Public policy relevant
- Topic issue must fall at least in part under the jurisdiction of King County government
- Topic chosen through an open, transparent consultative review process.

Round #2 Topic:

Citizen Priorities for County Government: Budget and Strategic Options



Countywide Community Forums

- ▶ www.metrokc.gov/auditor/CCF
- ▶ www.countywidecommunityforums.org